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14th May 2003

Dear Sirs,

Re: Pentagon Service Station.

Following a recent meeting with your project manager for the Chatham Vision Concept Scheme, Pauline Scott-Garratt, I was requested to withdraw my proposal for a 'Kwik Fit' type station and submit one for a temporary use (say 3 years) it was thought 'car sales' use would be acceptable. As the site had previously carried out car wash and vac the existing consent remains.

As I had been completely misled by your Mr. Ives with my planning enquiries, which has entirely affected the value and future use of the site, as it is now considered 'blighted' for the foreseeable future. As suggested to Pauline Scott-Garratt a relaxation to the planning fee by way of a complete waive would be fair and just.

Yours faithfully,

TREVOR HARRISON.

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Dear Trevor

Pentagon Service Station, The Brook, Chatham

I refer to our meeting on 6th December and write to set out my views on the issues discussed.

I note that the current planning permission allowing use of the site for car valeting expires in June 2006 and that you wish to consider future options. You referred to interest in the site for developing a 'kwik fit' or similar vehicle service depot. I advised that this would not be consistent with the aims of the Chatham Centre and Waterfront Development Framework which sought to see The Brook redeveloped as an urban 'boulevard' with active ground floor uses and predominantly residential uses above.

Whilst your site is not specifically identified for redevelopment in the Framework it is my view that a similar type of redevelopment is entirely in keeping with its aspirations. Residential led development of up to 4 or 5 storeys with active ground floor use (retail, showroom, business services or similar) with courtyard parking and gardens to the rear would seem to me to be appropriate. Page 25 of the Framework document provides further guidance.

I appreciate that you will wish to see completion of the proposed traffic changes and evidence of further improvement in the Town Centre residential market before embarking on such a development and for that reason I would support an application for an extension of permission for the current use in the interim.

Yours sincerely


Mark Bradbury
Head of Chatham Development

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